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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003 (Paper-No. 20031112), please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate); (b) Substitute Figure 2; (c) a photocopy of the ATCC Deposit Receipt (Exhibit A); (d) U.S. Patent No. 6,653,446 (Cover page and claims; Exhibit B); (e) a Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone; (f) a photocopy of the Associate Power of Attorney; (g) a Form 1449 listing only references AK and AL; and (h) an extension for reply within first month.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.